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This is the last issue for 1977. Let's make 1978 the great one by contributing an article to **TNA NEWS**.

5th

REMEMBER - The 5th of January is the deadline for the February issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our association lost a key officer and one of its best friends in October. District VII Governor Troy H. Coan, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, and was buried with full military honors in Stephenville, Tex., on Friday, Oct. 21.

Being a military man, Troy had moved a great deal but he actively supported TNA wherever he was stationed. He was also a past governor of District XI.

Troy was the kind of person that one remembers. I recall meeting him at the first TNA convention that I attended about 1964 or 65. I was immediately impressed with his numismatic knowledge and sincerity. We established a lasting friendship.

One of our closest friends, Ray Whyborn, past governor of District VII, gave the eulogy at the funeral. In reference to his numismatic activities, he said: "His most recent large task was fulfilling the responsibilities and duties as District VII governor of the Texas Numismatic Association. As such, he represented all of the numismatists, coin collectors and hobbyists in that district and tried to stimulate interest and membership in the state organization. None ever tried harder. Only poor health prevented him from fulfilling his goal of being the best representative ever."

His memory will live on not

only through his published articles and lectures, but also through each of those who have been touched by him. He will be especially remembered in the hearts of those who have worked and studied with him." The hundreds of us who had the privilege of knowing him and working with him will surely agree.

Our heart felt sympathy goes out to his wife, Betty, and to the other members of his family. Numismatics has lost a true friend.



Please don't let the holiday season cause you to overlook preparing your nominations for the TNA Lewis Reagan Memorial Award, the TNA Junior Numismatist of the Year Award, and the TNA Club Salute Award. See my last month's message if you need more details.



With the new year just around the corner, many thoughts will be turning to our annual convention in Dallas in April. We know that the host **Dallas Coin Club**, under the leadership of President David Nunn, Convention General Chairman C. C. Andrews, and TNA Convention Coordinator Tom Bunn have been working hard for several months and have things well under control, but they will need

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*May This Season's
Good Cheer
be followed by
A Very Happy
New Year*

From the
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1977

TOPICAL COLLECTING

BY: W. B. (BILL) SLATE

Warren, Mich.

Governor - Michigan State Numismatic Association

LANDMASS PART II

My apologies for the omission of the second part of Grace Kelly in the last two issues of **TNA NEWS**. My inactivity was caused by a set of circumstances. One of the new circumstances is named Paul Stephen Slate. The other was a promotion within the IAA at my duty station of Detroit Flight Service. At least this time a physical move was not the cause.

Although my articles on Living Females was prepared in advance, I had not completed the second part of Grace Kelly. It will take some additional time and research for the continuation but I hope to have it ready early next year. Until then I am inserting what amounts to Landmasses Part II as a fill-in.

The original topical column of January 1973 was on this Land



W. B. (Bill) Slate

mass subject. By definition, the subject has the major design of one side of a coin devoted to the outline of a landmass or map. This original article was ~~revised~~ in two parts because of a printing error that omitted two paragraphs. In the article I mentioned 24 specific coins with a landmass theme and listed another 8 "JUNK COIN COINCTIONS NCLT" issues that also has this theme.

Since 1973 the 32 previously mentioned coins have increased to over 75 coins which are mostly the new generation NCLT "JUNK COIN COINCTIONS" issues, which are issued to make money for the motor. I must admit that I have now acquired some of the

"JUNK". In many cases I have acquired them a few years after they have been issued and also

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Canada	5 Dollars	1973	Silver	Northern Hemisphere
Canada	10 Dollars	1973	Silver	Proportion of World
Chad	200 Francs	1973	Silver	Africa
Cape Verde Islands	250 Escudo	1976	Silver	Island Group
Cook Islands	21/2 Dollar	1973,4	Silver	Island
Cook Islands	2 1/2 Dollars	1973,4	Silver	Island
Dominican Republic	100	1974	Silver	Haiti & Country
Egypt	5 Piastre	1973	CN & Gold	Globe
France	10 Francs	1973-76	CN	Modernistic Design
Isle of Manx	Various	1976	Various	Island
Italy	500 Lire	1974	Silver	Italy & Mediterranean
Jamaica	10 Dollars	1976	Silver	Island & Ship
Liberia	5 Dollar	1973-7	Silver	Country & Elephant
Malawi	10 Kwacha	1974	Silver	Country
Malaysia	25 Ringgit	1976	Silver	2 Countries
Nicaragua	10 Cent.	1974	AL	Country
Philippines	50 Peso	1976	Silver	Islands
Poland	10 Zlotych	1972	CN (?)	Country (Modern)
Poland	200 Zlotych	1974	Silver	Country
Trinidad & Tobago	10 Dollars	1972-77	Silver	Two Islands
Western Samoa	1 Dollar	1976	CN	Outline of U S A
Western Samoa	1 Tala	1977	CN	2 Islands
Senegal	50 Franc	1975	Silver	Iberian peninsula &
Senegal	150 Franc	1975	Silver	NW Africa
Turk & Cocos-Keeling Islands	1 Crown	1975-76	CN	Island
Turk & Cocos-Keeling Islands	10 Crowns	1975	Silver	Globe
Turk & Cocos-Keeling Islands	100 Crowns	1975	Silver	Globe

Other landmasses on coins that were previously omitted or those not known of prior to 1973 include:

Australia	Pattern Floun 1909
Hawaii	Pattern of 1891 & 1895 in silver
Jersey	50 Pence 1966
Madagascar	100 S. 265 1953
St John of Jerusalem	1965
Malta	5 Pound 1972 Gold
Salvador	100 Colones 1971 Gold
Sierra Leone	1966 Set
Syria	1972 Pound CN
Somalia	500 Shillings 1970 Gold

A future issue is to be a gold 50 pound coin dated 1978 from Cyprus. This coin will commemorate Archbishop Makarios and the reverse will have the design of the island.

Since 1970, my exhibiting out side of my Uruguay exhibit has been along topical lines and generally I have done quite well. My Uruguay exhibit is basically topical in that all coins show a radiant surface. The only time it was shown in 1977 was at the OIN

convention in California where it won **BEST IN SHOW**. My exhibit on landmasses has been awarded first in category for the two times it has been shown. Over the years I have been noticing an increase in topical themes and I think this is due to the many subjects available.

With the ever increasing number of "CONCOCTIONS" that have a landmass design I have given some

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THE ROMAN FORUM

By
Michael T. Schmitz
Austin, Tx.

EARLY ROMAN DENOMINATIONS

In the September article, I briefly described pre-coinage forms of currency of the Roman Republic. I want to review these early styles of currency to show how they evolved into the first Roman coins.

The earliest use of metal as money in Rome and central Italy, started approximately in the 5th century B.C. The money was just raw pieces of bronze, which was more readily available than silver in the central Italian peninsula. Besides the bronze being more easily attainable, it was useful for tools, swords, shields, and spear tips and so had a real value. The pieces have been labeled Aes Rude, literally meaning rough, crude pieces of bronze.

The next step of refinement came in the late 4th century B.C. The bronze was cast into bars or brick form with designs on them. At first designs were only on one side and then eventually on both sides. This series was called Aes Signotum, meaning bearing or adorned with figures or signs. The bars were generally supposed to weigh five Roman pounds, but actually varied a great deal. But they were much easier to work with than the rough pieces of the Aes Rude. An interesting development in this series occurred later when the bars' designs were executed to facilitate breaking up these bars to make change and still have an intact design.

The first true coinage of Rome

and central Italy were large cast bronze pieces called Aes Grave, heavy bronze. These cast pieces were first issued approximately 306 to 290 B.C. The contact with Greek colonies, for the purpose of trade, in southern Italy influenced Rome and surrounding subject states to mint a more conventional coin. The "AS" became the basic unit of the new Roman coins which was equal to one Roman pound, 332g. The smaller denominations were divided into $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{12}$, and $\frac{1}{24}$ parts. Below is the first Aes Grave series with the obverse and reverse described.

OBV.

REV.

As (12 unciae) Young Janus Hd.,
1 (value mark) / Mercury Hd., 1

Semis (6 unciae) Young Mars
Hd., S / Venus Hd., S

Treins (4 unciae) Thunderbolt, 4
dots / Dolphin, 4 dots

Quadrans (3 unciae) Shell, 2
dots / Caduceus, 2 dots

Sextans (2 unciae) Shell, 2 dots /
Caduceus, 2 dots

Uncia - Knucklebone, 1 dot, / 1
dot

Semuncia ($\frac{1}{2}$ unciae) Acorn, E
/ E

A second series of Aes Grave
was issued around 285 - 280 B.C.
with different designs as below

As - Apollo Hd. / same as obv.
(no value mark)

Semis - Pegasus, S / same as
obv. (pegosus probably Carthage
influence. Rome made an alliance

with Carthage in 306 B.C.)

Triens - Horse's Hd., 4 dots / same as obv.

Quadrans - Boar, 3 dots / same as obv.

Sextans - Dioscurus Hd., 2 dots / same as obv.

Uncia - Barly Grain, 1 dot / same as obv.

The following series are now progressively becoming lighter, the As was reduced from 332g to 270g and we now have the first multi As denominations.

Tressis (Triple As) Helmeted Roma Hd., 111 (value mark) / 6 spoked wheel

Dupondius (double As) same as above, 11 (value mark) / same as above As to Uncia same as the previous list.

As now from 250 - 270g

Tressis Hd of Roma, 111 / ship's plow left

Dupondius Hd. of Roma, 11 / same as above

As Hd of Janus / same as above, 1 (value mark)

Semis Hd. of Jupiter, S / same as above, S

Treins Hd. of Mineria, 4 dots / same as above, 4 dots

Quadrans Hd. of Hercules, 3 dots / same as above, 3 dots

First struck coins

Sextans Hd. of Mercury, 2 dots / Ship's Plow, Roma, 2 dots

Uncia Hd. of Roma helmeted, 1 dot / same as above, 1 dot

At the same time the bronze coinage was becoming lighter the first silver coins of Rome were started, 260 - 270 B.C. This series was also a result of expanded trade with the Greek colonies in the south. A coin was needed that was more compatible with the Greek denominations.

First Series of Silver Coinage

1st Type Didrachms (7.25g) Obv.

- Beared Mars Hd., oak branch behind; Rev. - Bridled horse's Hd., above a tablet inscribed ROMANO, corn ears

2nd Type Didrachms Obv. Apalla Hd., ROMANO / same rev. as above

2nd Series

1st Type Didrachm - Young Hercules Hd. / Wolf & Twins, ROMANO

2nd Type Didrachm - Rama Hd. / Victory, ROMANO

The above series did not last too long, only to approximately 222 B.C. when a more Roman type coin called the denarius was first introduced in 213 or 212 B.C. The new silver coin weighed 4.5g and was equal to 10 Asses with a value mark, X. Two other smaller denominations coins were issued, the quinarius value marked, V, (5 Asses), and the sesterius value marked IIS, (2½ Asses). Another silver coin issued about the same time was the Victoriat. The victoriat weighed 3.4g and it is thought this coin might have been issued for foreign use since its weight equaled that of a Greek drachma.

Also at the end of the 3rd century B.C., three gold coins were minted. These coins are not thought to have been used in the normal business community, but struck for important people and generals. History does not provide a name for these coins, but they do have value marks as follows:

Obv. - Hd. of Mars, below VX (60 Asses) / Eagle on thunderbolt, ROMA

Obv. - same as above, XXXX (40 Asses) / same as above

Obv. - same as above, XX (20 Asses) / same as above

Unlike many Greek cities that issued gold coins and valued them according to weight, the Romans seem to have a definite value re-

lationship between their metals used for coins.

War and inflation took their toll on Rome's coins. The denarius was reduced in weight to 4g in 133 B.C. and tariff to equal 16 Asses instead of the original ten. The new denarius was value marked XVI. The victoritis was reduced in weight to 2.3g and then not struck after 150 B.C. The bronze As had been so reduced in weight that the coin only weighed as much as the earlier uncia and for a period of 25 years between 133 - 108 B.C. was not struck at all. When the As was reintroduced in 108 B.C., it only weighed 1/3 of a uncia. I might mention two short-lived denominations that are extremely rare. I have never seen one offered for sale.

Dodrans - value marked, S.: $\frac{3}{4}$ As (9 unciae)

Bes - value marked, S: $\frac{2}{3}$ As (8 unciae)

Next month I will go into the reforms of Julius Caesar and Augustus as Rome shifted from the Republic to the Empire.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

(Continued from page 4)

help from all of us to make the convention a great success.

One of the things we need right now is your contribution of \$2.50 to cover the cost of printing the MINI-NEWS that is given free at our convention to promote new memberships. Clubs and individuals should send their checks to our TNA News editor—and do it now! All contributors will be listed as "Patron" in the MINI-NEWS.



Best Christmas wishes to all!

TOPICAL COLLECTING —

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thought to breaking this exhibit into about five separate divisions. This topic could now be divided into Islands on Coins; Countries of Latin America; Continents on Coins; Individual Countries and Countries Around the Mediterranean.

In looking through various catalogs on paper money I have also come up with quite an assortment of landmass designs. At present I only have about 5 notes but my research has turned up over 70 notes from 22 different countries. Many of the designs are globes that show a hemisphere but there are also enough that give an outline of a specific country to make up a nice exhibit.

Should any reader wish a copy of the original article and a more detailed listing of this landmass theme of both coins and currency I would be glad to send them a copy of my notes. Those requesting the two lists should send \$3.00 and a large double stamped return envelope to W. B. Slate, 23847 Virginia, Warren, MI 48091. Any request for this information will cause me to also get my notes in a more systematic order

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ALABAMA CENTENNIAL

The 100th anniversary (1919) of the admission of the state of Alabama was commemorated by the issuance of a half dollar authorized in May 1920 but not struck until 1921. Delayed action.

Alabama joined the United States in 1819 as the 22nd state to do so and Montgomery was named as the capital. The territory was explored in the early 1500's by the Spanish, then the French in 1702, the Indians and finally the British who lost control as a result of the Revolutionary War.

The new territory became the "Cotton State" as settlers poured into the area to form big cotton-producing plantations. Alabama is now primarily an agricultural state but is also a big producer of steel and coal.

Laura Gardin Fraser was the designer of the 50c piece which instituted several "firsts." It is the first to bear the portrait of a living person with Alabama Governor Thomas E. Kilby receiving the honor. Kilby was governor at the time. He joined William Wyatt Bibb, first governor of Alabama.

Below the busts are the words BIBB 1921 KILBY. At each side are 22 stars arranged in three rows - signifying Alabama as the 22nd state to enter the Union. On some of the issues, the figure 2X2 is incused above the stars at the right representing "22" and also St. Andrew's Cross as it appears on the Alabama state flag.

On the reverse is the great seal of Alabama and the state motto

Here We Rest. Other inscriptions are "State of Alabama" and "1819 Centennial 1919." The year 1921 also appears on the coin as the law requires that a coin be dated the year it is coined.

The commemorative was placed on sale at \$1.00 each in October 1921 in Birmingham during a visit made by President Warren G. Harding. Profits were used for historical and monumental purposes.

T. G. BROWN

Services for T. G. Brown, 65, of Beaumont were held Oct. 21 at Killy-Hixson Funeral Home. Mr. Brown died Oct. 19 in St. Elizabeth Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Beaumont Coin Club and other area clubs. He was a past governor of the Texas Numismatic Association.

A native of Greenville, he had lived in Beaumont for 27 years and was retired vice president and general manager of Sabine Industries.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Brown; a daughter, a son, a sister, and four grand children.

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VIP Award of the Month will go
to Jerry Williams.

TROY H. COAN

SM/Sgt Troy H. Coan
USAF, (Ret.), age 47, died Tues
day Oct. 18 in San Antonio.
Services were held Oct. 21 in
Stephenville, Tx.

Mr. Coan was serving as Dis
trict 7 governor of the Texa
Numismatic Association, was a
member of the American Numis
matic Association and past
president of Gateway Coin Club
of San Antonio.

Survivors include the wife
Betty; mother, Mrs. Grady A.
Coan, Delton, Tx; one sister
and one brother.

from the treasurer

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Balance on hand as of October 31, 1977 \$7,167.39

* Operating Funds	\$3,085.99	*
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Balance as of	
October 31, 1977	\$4,000.51
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INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, El Paso, annual coin show, Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center, El Paso. **WRITE:** Harry E. Johnson, Box 4351, El Paso 79914.



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LEVELLAND COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Women's Bldg., Fair Grounds. **WRITE:** D. O. Joplin, 212 Cypress, Levelland 79336.



MARCH 18-19

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, Lubbock, annual coin show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Cntr. **WRITE:** D. O. Joplin, 212 Cypress, Levelland 79336.



APRIL 1-2

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, spring coin show, Villa Inn, Interstate 40 East & Grand. **WRITE:** John Jenkins, 2615 Wolfliin, Amarillo 79109.



APRIL 14-16

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN., 20th convention, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas. **WRITE:** C. C. Andrews, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

JULY 29-30

ODESSA COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Inn of the Golden West. Details later.



SEPTEMBER 9-10

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual show. Details later.



SEPTEMBER 29-30

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart. Details later.

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District Meetings

DISTRICT I -

The regular meeting of **Mineral Wells Coin Club** was held at North Oak Community Center in September with 13 members present.

A report from the TFA was given by Mrs. Hellen Rust, President. Port Ford appointed Mrs. Fred Poot as Liaison, Bateman and J. W. Parks as the nominating committee. Installation of officers for 1977. The new officers will be installed at the Christmas banquet which is set for Dec. 15. Attendance was 100% with 100% Active For I. Mrs. Poot and Mrs. Rust.

After the business session a white elephant auction was conducted. The Kenneth Bulby. Proceeds from the sale are used to pay for the meeting place. After the auction Donald Bond entertained members with movie slides of his summer trip to Port River, N. Mex. — **Hellen Rust, Reporter.**

Sorting and appraising half dollars took up the time for members of **Graham Coin & Stamp Club** at the regular meeting in October held at Texas Electric Reddy Room. Red Davison was in charge of the program and W. L. Scott supplied the half dollars. A swap session followed.

Refreshments were served to the



Joe Wade
Governor

six members present. — **Hellen Rust, Sec.**



Exhibit winners at the annual **Fort Worth Coin Club** show held in October were Charles F. Cox Jr., best in show, Joe Wade, Ellena Havens, Linda Wade and Scott Moore, U.S. coins and currency; W. F. Pegg, foreign coins and currency; and Mrs. Havens, Walter Magnus and Jan Corbin, miscellaneous. Del Whiteman was general chairman for the show.

At the October meeting held at Rodeway Inn with 47 members present, the club voted to donate a Red Book to each junior and senior high school library in the city. — **Terry Havens, Reporter.**



DISTRICT II -

Sam Robinson presented a program on Venetian coinage at the Oct. 13 meeting of **Odessa Coin Club** held at Odessa College. Robinson discussed Simon Bolivar's influence on the area.



August H. Gauze Jr.
Governor

Doug Young and Verna Unstot were winners of the attendance prize. Twenty members attended.

The program for the Oct. 27 meeting was a discussion on counterfeit coin detection. During the business session, tentative

dates were set for the annual coin show - the last weekend in July, 1978 and will be held at the Inn of the Golden West. Twenty three were present for the meeting — **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. 2.**



DISTRICT III -

Five guests and 21 members attended the October meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club** held at Dun Bar West Motel.

Reports were heard on the September coin show and the club ladies were complimented on gold ticket sales. - they sold more than the gentlemen.

A program and auction were enjoyed by members. — **Lerah Talley, Sec.**



Special drawings were held at the annual Wildcat Show staged by **Nolan County Coin Club** of Sweetwater in October and winners were: Dennis Gregg, Ellis Brooks and D. J. Parr. Attendance prizes were also given each hour to visitors. Dealers were present from Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, San Angelo, Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene, Levelland, Ploverview, Norton, Brownwood, and other Texas cities, and New Mexico.

Curtis Stone Jr. won best in show with a display of rocks and minerals.

During the regular meeting in September with 20 present, Nina Pryor was appointed vice president to fill out the year as Vadie Nations resigned to take over secretarial duties. Prizes were won by Ronkin Russell and Nina Pryor. — **Vadie Nations, Sec.**

DISTRICT IV -

Members of all TNA District 4 coin clubs met in Waco recently for a district meeting hosted by **Waco Coin Club** and held at Texas Power & Light Service Center.



Keith Johnson
Governor

Special guests were TNA President Col. Charles A. Wingo, TNA Treasurer Mac Kennady, TNA Secretary Eleanor Kennady, Lyman Bartee, immediate past president of TNA, and Thomas Becker of the firm of Louis Collins Rare Coins of Waco.

Col. Wingo gave a short talk on TNA, value of membership and explained the reason for the increase in dues, which goes into effect Jan. 1. Bartee gave a brief talk on TNA and signed up three new members for the association.

Becker spoke on his experiences



SPECIAL GUESTS - Attending the TNA District 4 meeting held recently in Waco were President Col. Charles A. Wingo, Treasurer Mac Kennady, Lyman Bartee, immediate past president; and J. P. Jones, Waco Coin Club secretary. (Photo by Robert Priest)

as a collector and dealer and discussed the effect of investment programs on the price of coins and the trend away from true numismatics to coin collecting

Refreshments were served by Mrs. O B Walls, Mrs. Dalton Adoms and Mrs. Weldon Wilkerson. Cindy Bostick won the attendance prize. — **J. P. Jones, Sec.**



DISTRICT V -

The annual auction held in conjunction with the fall/winter mail bid auction provided the program for the October meeting of **Numismatics International** of Dallas. The auction enables sellers to have a better chance in selling materials by mail and floor bids.

At the November meeting, Lt. Cmdr. C. C. Andrews was scheduled to speak on Christopher Columbus on coins.

Meetings are held in the Community Room of Republic Savings Bldg. — **Club Bulletin.**



Judy Ferrell presented an ANA award to G. F. Johnson for his program on "The Story Behind the Stone Mountain Commemorative Half Dollar" at the recent meeting of **Garland Coin Club** held at Texas Power & Light Bldg. Gene David Rhoden was approved for club membership.

Plans for the annual Christmas party were made and it will be held at Heritage House on Preston Road, Dec. 13.

C. C. Andrews conducted an auction and Andrews also won the

attendance prize. — **Billy D. Gilbreath, Sec.**



DISTRICT VI -

The location for **Greater Houston Coin Club's** annual **Money Show** has been changed due to the closing of the Rice Hotel. The new location will be Galleria Plaza Hotel, 5030 W. Alabama in the area of Westheimer and Loop 610. Show dates are Jan. 20-22.

At the October meeting, Richard Beam of the University of Houston spoke on the effect of economics on world coinage practices.

During the business session, members voted a contribution to ANA's Faye Rochette Memorial Fund. New members include Ed Rochette, Joe Earl Hunt and David Salem. The Montgomery club award was presented to Virgil Hancock. Attendance prizes were won by Virginia Castleberry and John Gay — **Chris Johns, Sec.**



Members of **Brazos Bend Coin Club** of Rosenberg enjoyed a covered dish supper at the October meeting held at First United Methodist Church.

At the September meeting, there were eight members and one guest present and Kurt Parthum won the attendance prize. Sonny Tharp is club vice president. — **Club Bulletin.**



The regular meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was held Oct. 25 at Nessler Center with Christine Richardson winning



Chris Johns
Governor



David Nunn
Governor

the early bird prize. Other prizes went to Mrs. Richardson, Helen Dodderer and Cliff Moorehead.

Final plans were made for the Christmas party on Dec. 15. Mrs. Richardson will act as chairman, Ruby Threlkeld will be in charge of special awards and games, and Carl Nessler will handle the coffee and punch. Mrs. Dodderer will do the decorating.

A club auction was held with Claude Ressler as auctioneer. Most sought after were lots containing topical coins including sets showing birds, ships, food, animals and foreign rulers. — **Ruby Threlkeld., Sec.**

Chairmen Appointed For 1978 TNA Convention

Committee chairmen for the April 14-16, 1978 Texas Numismatic Association convention have been named by General Chairman C. C. Andrews. The 20th convention will be held at Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

B. K. Welch will be in charge of bourse arrangements; H. L. Pincus, exhibits, assisted by H. P. Doolin; R. L. Johnston, registration; D. M. Nunn, programs; G. F. Johnson, educational.

Also, Nathan Lacher, security; R. L. Hewgley, special arrangements; L. E. McMains, auction; B. K. Welch and C. C. Andrews, publicity; and Molly Pincus, hospitality.

For more information on convention plans, bourse and exhibit applications write General Chairman Andrews, 8516 Bluebonnet, Dallas 75209.

DISTRICT VII -

The **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio voted to donate a book to the San Antonio Public Library in memory of Troy Coan, longtime club member and TNA Governor for District 7, who passed away Oct. 18.

The auction held at the Oct. 11 meeting was profitable for the club, many of the lots being donated and carried no reserve or minimum bid. Prizes were won by Willie Mae Craig, Lee Valdovino and Bob Crocker.


A slide presentation on U.S. commemorative half dollars on Oct. 25 was well attended. Winning prizes were Ted Carmack, Willie Mae Craig and Henry Dorn.

At one of the November meetings another slide set was given entitled "Famous Women on Coins and Medals." Plans were completed for the annual Christmas party which will be held Dec. 13 at Wonder Bowl, 1948 Austin Highway. — **Club Bulletin.**



DISTRICT VIII -

Ross Barrera gave a talk on the "Foreign Gold Rip Off" at a recent meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club**. Ross gave the statistics on several modern issues of foreign gold coins as to issue price and face value



Wayne H. Harris
Governor

It was reported that Rod Thompson was moving to Victoria and Pres Floyd Bieniek appointed Billy Tate to the treasurer's duties. Attendance prizes were won by Joe

B. Davis and Bieniek.

During the Oct. 11 meeting, Jim Catron presented a slide program on Calanial Coins and Robert Burke was admitted to membership. Norma Mather won the attendance prize. — **Club Bulletin.**



Clarence Davis has been appointed to serve as treasurer for **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi for the balance of the year to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. Cliff Jones, Jim Siptak resigned as second vice president.

Ralph Watters conducted an auction after the meeting and refreshments were furnished by Elisa Barrera and Eris Jones.

At a later meeting, reports were given on the coin show held Oct. 15-16 Clarence Davis and Chad Jones won the attendance prizes. Helen Davis provided a birthday cake in honor of a junior member, Courtney Jones. — **Club Bulletin.**



DISTRICT IX -

Seventeen members and guests gathered at the Reddy Room for the October meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield.

Final plans were made for the Nov. 6 coin show and it was reported that 12 dealers had signed up for the show.

The attendance prize was won by David McCullom. An auction was held. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**



The nominating committee for **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock

reported on new officer selection at the October meeting held at Prec. #1 Club House. Nominated were Carl Andersen, president; Gary Huber, vice president; Dee O'Donnell, secretary-treasurer.

Jim Hall requested that members bring items for the annual Christmas auction which benefits Texas Boys Ranch.

Refreshments followed the usual auction. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**



Plans were discussed for the Christmas party and dinner by members of **Levelland Coin Club** when the club met in October at the Chamber of Commerce building.

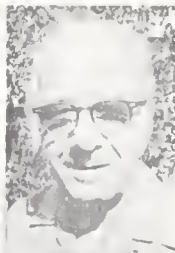
D. O. Joplin read a short article from the **TNA NEWS** entitled "You and Your Club." James Hogue won the attendance prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**



DISTRICT X -

Meetings for **International Coin Club** of El Paso were held each Thursday in October. Average attendance was 25. President Walt Woelper stated that among planned club activities will be at least one auction per month and educational programs every two weeks.

All plans for the Feb. 3-5 coin show have been made. The show will be held at Rodeway Inn at Bassett Center. There will be 63 tables and half have already been reserved. Bourse fee is \$75.00 and for reservations contact Harry E.



John N. Berger
Governor

D. O. Joplin
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A show addition will be "The Magic of Coins" featuring "Barton" which is a series of short performances of coin magic. —
John N. Berger Jr., Gov. Dist. 10.

A few informal meetings of **Spanish Trail Collectors Club** of El Paso have been held recently in efforts to reorganize. Plans were made for the annual Christmas dinner and meeting in December. Frank Fox is club president —
John N. Berger Jr., Gov. Dist. 10.

DISTRICT XIV -

TNA Governor
L. G. Davenport Jr. made a surprise visit to the Nov. meeting of **Hidalgo Coin Club** held at First National Bank in McAllen.

Horacio Hernandez was in charge of the program and read an article written by Wm. Donlon which appeared in the Aug. 24 edition of **Coin World** entitled



L. G. Davenport Jr.
Governor

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Members of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** extended their sympathies to Mrs. Mary Jane Brown, wife of T. G. Brown, who passed away Oct. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were active members,

and Mr. Brown was the club auctioneer. He was also a member of other area clubs ANA and a past TNA governor.



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

During the October Cavalcade celebration, Pat and Carol Mounier set up a numismatic display at Sabine National Bank in Port Arthur. Pat was present in the bank both days to answer questions concerning club activities and their display.

The program was a slide presentation "Coins With Special Significance" including U.S., foreign, ancient and Colonial pieces. It was obtained from the ANA library —
Club Bulletin.

The regular meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held in the Community Center and presided over by President Jerry Williams. Williams gave a report on numismatic show and also the TNA board

meeting held in Austin.

Richard O'Neal gave the program on "Grading Cains." The November program was to be presented by members describing their favorite coin.

Attendance prizes were won by C. Smith, Shirley Williams and Ed White III — **Shirley Williams, Sec.**



A moment of silent prayer was held for T. G. Brown who died Oct. 19, at the meeting of **Beau-mont Coin Club**. Following the meeting, members adjourned to the funeral home to pay last respects to Mr. Brown and to be with the family.

Reports were heard during the business session on the September



coin show. It was announced that Jerry Williams had received one of the TNA President's Outstanding Governor awards and was also appointed to represent TNA for ANA.

Special prizes went to Ed White, Shirley Williams and Mrs. Neal Phelan.

At an earlier meeting, Special Agent Mark Hartzell of the Secret Service presented a slide program on counterfeit money. Hartzell stated that one of every three notes is counterfeit with 34 million being printed last year and 31 million seized. He said - "If you pass a counterfeit note knowing it, there is a \$5000 fine and 15 years in prison for each count."

— **Shirley Williams & Club Bulletin.**

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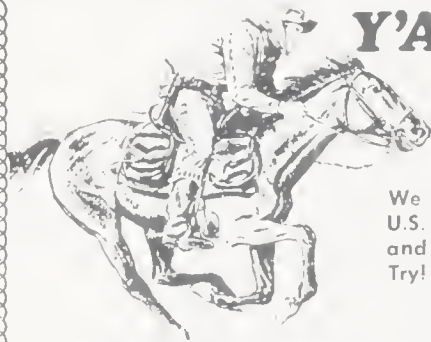
very high finish and were packaged in plastic tubes in units of 20, a procedure that delighted collectors and insured the continuing popularity of the pieces. — *World Coin Calendar*, Krause Publications, 1976.

COST OF WOODEN NICKELS UP

Inflation has hit the wooden nickel. It now costs 6½ cents.

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